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1. THE FNLA AND ZAIRIAN DELEGATIONS RETURNED TO KINSHASA ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 18 AFTER A SUCCESSFUL VISIT. DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE FNLA AND ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

2. FNLA MINISTER OF INFORMATION HENDRIK VAAL NETO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 17 IN WHICH HE MADE A NUMBER OF ASSERTIONS. HE TOOK PRIDE IN THE LARGE NUMBERS OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE WHO HAVE BEEN EDUCATED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE FNLA. HE ALSO SAID THAT FAR FROM BEING MERELY A LIBERATION MOVEMENT, THE FNLA IS A TRUE POLITICAL MOVEMENT THAT HAS TRAINED CADRES WHICH ARE PREPARED TO MOVE INTO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN ALL SECTORS OF NATIONAL LIFE. IT ALSO HAPPENS THAT FNLA HAS A LARGE ARMY, THE BEST OF ALL THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, LED BY OFFICERS WHO TRAINED AT THE BEST MILITARY ACADEMIES IN THE WORLD.

3. WITH THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, SAID VAAL NETO, A NEW PHASE HAS BEGUN, ONE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL. THE FORMER FASCIST

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GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, HAD CONVINCED PEOPLE, MOSTLY WHITES THAT FNLA

WAS A BUNCH OF SADISTIC ASSASSINS. THIS WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A FASCIST CAMPAIGN; FNLA IS GOING TO WORK NOW TO BUILD THE PEACE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO A MULTIPARTY SYSTEM, VAAL NETO SAID THAT SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD NOT HAVE THE SAME "POSITIVE APPLICATION" IN ANGOLA OR TANZANIA AS IT WOULD IN FRANCE, ENGLAND OR THE UNITED STATES. ONE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL REALITIES. ALL ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM DURING STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION CAUSED BY THE DIVISION OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. FOR THAT REASON FNLA BELIEVES THAT THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA SHOULD SEEK TO CREATE A REGIME THAT FAVORS NATIONAL UNITY. IF SEVERAL PARTIES ARE ALLOWED TO EXIST, ESPECIALLY DURING THE CRITICAL TRANSITIONAL PHASE, ANARCHY COULD RESULT. FNLA FAVORS A LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF PARTIES; DURING THE FIRST PHASE, AT LEAST, ALL ANGOLANS SHOULD JOIN ONE OF THE EXISTING LIBERATION GROUPS.

5. ON THE SUBJECT OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE, VAAL NETO SAID THEY SHOULD BEGIN TO RETURN AS SOON AS A COALITION GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED.

6. ON SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA HE SAID THAT AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA HAS THE OBLIGATION TO HELP LIBERATION GROUPS IN BOTH NATIONS.

7. VAAL NETO SAID THAT FNLA DID NOT FORCE BAILUNDO MIGRANT WORKERS TO LEAVE THE NORTH IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE ECONOMY. RATHER, HE SAID, THE DECISION WAS A SPONTANEOUS ONE, MADE BY THE WORKERS THEMSELVES AFTER THE REALITIES OF THE MISERABLE LIFE THEY WERE LEADING WERE EXPLAINED TO THEM BY FNLA CADRES. IN NO CASE WAS PRESSURE APPLIED.

8. WITH RESPECT TO THE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE MPLA AND THE POSITION OF FNLA ON THE MATTER, VAAL NETO SAID THAT FNLA WOULD PREFER THAT MPLA UNITE, AS DIVISION SERVES NO ONE'S INTEREST. "THE WORLD IS LAUGHING AT US", HE ADDED; "PORTUGAL HAS OFFERED US INDEPENDENCE AND IT APPEARS THAT WE DO NOT WANT IT". FNLA HOPES THAT MPLA WILL REUNITE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMON FRONT. " BUT WE CANNOT WAIT FOREVER FOR OUR BROTHERS, WHILE THE PEOPLE LIVE UNDER THE SAME SYSTEM OF SLAVERY AND SACRIFICE".

9. VAAL NETO SAID HE HOPED A DE JURE CEASE FIRE COULD BE SIGNED
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SOON BUT THAT THERE REMAIN A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS, WHICH HE DID NOT SPECIFY, TO BE MET.

10. FNLA WILL SHORTLY OPEN AN OFFICE IN LUANDA, TO BE FOLLOWED BY OFFICES THROUGHOUT ANGOLA WHOSE JOB IT WILL BE TO INFORM, ORIENT AND TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA.

11. ON THE DAY THE FNL DELEGATION ARRIVED IN LUANDA A GROUP OF UP

TO 500 GHETTO DWELLERS INVADED A SESSION OF THE LUANDA CITY COUNCIL, OSTENSIBLY TO DEMAND BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE REMOVAL OF THE PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. IN THE MIDST OF THE MOB SCENE A PICTURE OF AGUSTINHO NETO APPEARED ON A TABLE AND ALL THE INVADERS BEGAN TO WAVE MPLA FLAGS. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS PATENTLY DESIGNED TO SHOW MPLA STRENGTH AND CUT INTO PRESS COVERAGE OF THE FNLA GROUP. VAAL NETO REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT OR ITS IMPLICATIONS.

12. WITH RESPECT TO THE ZAIRIAN DELEGATION, THEY CAME AWAY QUITE PLEASED WITH THEIR MISSION. ZAIRIAN PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR BULA MANDUNGO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 17 THAT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

- A) ZAIRE WILL IMMEDIATELY OPEN IN LUANDA A CONSULATE GENERAL, A TOURISM OFFICE, AN OFFICE OF AIR ZAIRE AND SET UP A BRANCH OF THE ZAIRIAN NATIONAL PRESS AGENCY
 - B) ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, HE SAID THAT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER AN INDUSTRIAL/COMMERICAL DELEGATION WILL VISIT KINSHASA.
 - C) AS EVERYONE KNOWS, HE SAID, THE BORDER BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA IS OPEN, A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL MADE BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU AFTER HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SPINOLA ON SALT ISLAND
 - D) A REPORTER ASKED FOR ZAIRE'S POSITION ON CABINDA AND AN OPINION ON ACCUSATIONS THAT ZAIRE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE IN LEAGUE TO GUARANTEE A "CERTAIN POLITICAL STATUS" FOR CABINDA. BULA MANDUNGO REPLIED THAT ZAIRE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FUTURE OF CABINDA, SAO TOME OR CAPE VERDE. THE PEOPLE OF THESE ENTITIES WILL DECIDE THEIR FUTURE AND ZAIRE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THAT DECISION.
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